1 2 3 4 5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 6 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA** 7 8 MARK ROGERS, 9 Petitioner, 3:02-cv-00342-GMN-VPC 10 VS. **ORDER** 11 TIMOTHY FILSON, et al., 12 Respondents. 13 14 15 In this capital habeas corpus action, the Court The Court has granted Rogers' motion for an 16 evidentiary hearing, with respect to one claim, Ground 5, and the Court has set a schedule for the 17 evidentiary hearing. See Order entered November 6, 2017 (ECF No. 215). The evidentiary hearing 18 was set to commence on April 23, 2018. The parties' first disclosure of experts was set for 19 December 29, 2017, and several other deadlines with respect to preparation for the evidentiary 20 hearing were set in January, February, March and April. 21 On November 20, 2017, respondents filed a motion to amend the evidentiary hearing 22 scheduling order (ECF No. 216), requesting that the schedule for the evidentiary hearing, including 23 the setting of the evidentiary hearing itself, and all deadlines related to it, be pushed back by 60 days. Respondents' counsel states that she will be going out on maternity leave soon, and, as a result, will 24

be unable to properly prepare for the evidentiary hearing if it remains as scheduled. Respondents'

counsel states that Rogers does not oppose the motion to amend the scheduling order.

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The Court finds that respondents' motion to amend the evidentiary hearing scheduling order is made in good faith and not solely for the purpose of delay, and that there is good cause to amend the scheduling order. The Court will extend all the dates relative to the evidentiary hearing, including the date of the evidentiary hearing itself, by approximately 60 days.

The Court will not look favorably upon any motion to further extend this schedule.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that respondents' Motion to Amend Evidentiary Hearing Scheduling Order (ECF No. 216) is **GRANTED**. The following schedule will govern the evidentiary hearing:

## The Evidentiary Hearing

The evidentiary hearing will commence on June 25, 2018, at 9:00 a.m., in the courtroom of the undersigned United States District Judge.

## First Disclosure of Experts

The parties will, by March 2, 2018, disclose to each other the names of any experts who will testify. Such disclosure will be made by e-mail or other informal means. The parties need not file formal notices.

#### Second Disclosure of Experts

The parties will disclose to each other the names of any rebuttal experts by March 16, 2018. Such disclosure will be made by e-mail or other informal means. The parties need not file formal notices.

#### Disclosure of Expert Reports

The parties will disclose to each other the reports of their expert witnesses by March 23, 2018. Such disclosure will be made by e-mail or other informal means. The parties need not file the reports.

#### **Pre-Hearing Briefs**

Rogers will submit a pre-hearing brief by April 13, 2018. Respondents will file a responsive pre-hearing brief by April 27, 2018. Rogers may file a reply to respondents' brief by May 4, 2018.

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## Witness List and Exhibit List

The parties will file witness lists and exhibit lists no later than May 11, 2018. The parties will file a joint exhibit list, listing the exhibits they agree are admissible. The parties will file separate exhibit lists, listing any exhibits that the parties do not agree are admissible.

## **Pre-Hearing Motions**

The parties will file any pre-hearing motions by May 18, 2018. The schedule for the briefing of such motions will be pursuant to LR 7-2(b).

# Marking and Submission of Exhibits

The parties are to contact Aaron Blazevich, at 702-464-5421, no less than five calendar days before the evidentiary hearing, to arrange to mark and submit exhibits.

Dated this \_\_\_\_28 day of November, 2017.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE